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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

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FOR: BREATHABLE SHOE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-25 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 26-50 as follows:

26. (New) A breathable shoe, comprising:

an assembly which wraps around a foot insertion region and comprises a breathable

upper;

at least one membrane made of a material which is waterproof and breathable and is associated with said assembly in a downward region;